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Newsletter #69:

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Hello all! I'm sure your mailbox has been filled to the brim with emails from companies asking you if they can still send you correspondence. I know I have had several over the last few days. For those of you not in the know, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) goes into effect today. My favorite description of this new regulation comes from my friend Ursula Kampmann of Coinsweekly. I'm sure she won't mind if I quote her from the last email blast from Coinsweekly. And by the way, if you aren't on that newsletter you should be! It has very timely information and interesting articles about ALL areas of coinage. I highly recommend it if you want to be up to date.

"GDPR concerns (nearly) all who live in the member states of the European Union and who run a website. It concerns (coin) clubs, associations, museums and little coin dealers. And you should be happy, that you are not living in Germany! We do not only own a very effective police, but we also feed a group of lawyers who specialize in sending out adhortatory letters. Their income from legal blackmail pays more than the rent..." (Coinsweekly Newsletter from May 24, 2018)

So as a "little coin dealer" that sends out a newsletter I suppose I should mention that if you don't want to receive this newsletter anymore please let me know and I can unsubscribe you or you can do it yourself at the bottom of every newsletter that comes to you from me. I hope you'll stay!

Here is what is happening right now in the coin world:

Hess-Divo Live Auction (May 29)

I mentioned this in the last newsletter but I'd like to mention it again because this auction has NO online component. You either send bids in or you phone bid. My services are very attractive for this auction so please get in touch if you want auction representation. I am already scheduled for phone bidding for a few clients. however to avoid any complications or difficulties in executing bids I need to know sometime this weekend if you want to bid. There is a small but impressive ancients section, a nice

grouping of Byzantine coins and a rather substantial group of world coins. Of the world coins there are 295 Swiss coins, 31 Italian coins from the Giacomo de Ceconi collection and 41 coins from Rhodes and Malta from the De La Tour Collection. I can help give recommendations on bidding levels but I have not viewed any other coins aside from most of the ancient section. Get in touch soon if you are interested.

CNG ESale 421 (May 30)

The CNG ESale has 828 lots of mostly ancient coins. Going through it I noticed a nice group of BCD coins. It occurred to me that not everyone may know who BCD is. BCD is an actual person and his massive collection was sold over several years through major auctions houses, Triton, M&M GmbH, NAC and Lanz. His collection covered Thessaly (Triton), Lokris and Phokis (NAC), Euboia (Lanz) and Akarnania and Aetolia (M&M GmbH). The auctions containing his material are long past, however being that BCD had hundreds of coins (probably thousands but I never counted them), you will see his name pop up on pedigrees in catalogs and websites all over the coin market. As an aside, BCD also has one of the most impressive numismatic libraries around (or so I'm told). One day I'd love to see it since I have a passion for numismatic books as most of you know.

Also in the CNG ESale is a fairly large group of Seleucid material from the MNL Collection. MNL was passionate about buying interesting and scarce varieties of Seleucid coins. The collector was meticulous about pedigree information so every coin has their collector history attached. There are some nice pieces there so check it out.

If you need help on this auction just get in touch as I usually take part in the sales for CNG.

Goldberg Auctions (Pre-Long Beach Show, June 10-13)

The Goldberg's are having their pre-long Beach Show auctions on June 10-13. The ancients and world portion of the auction will take place on Tuesday, June 12 at 10 a.m. (PST). There are hundreds of coins being auctioned off over the course of the 3 days. The ancients portion is 416 coins with some very attractive pieces. The Long Beach Show follows the Goldberg auctions from June 14-16. If you've never been it is a nice show that is worth a visit if you are near LA. Many ancient dealers try to attend and walk the show and some are set up. If you want to see the dealer list here is a link:

<http://www.longbeachexpo.com/dealers/list>

Update on Chicago Coin Expo

Many of you have asked me what is happening with the CCE for next year. The answer is that the CCE will merge with the long established CSNS (Central States) show that takes place in Schaumburg, IL just a few weeks after the former CICE occurred. CSNS is a mainly world and U.S. show and has been around for 79 years. I suppose combining the two shows makes a lot of sense for collectors and dealers since many of the dealers would try to do both shows. Tiring! In any case I jumped on it and got a table at the show for next year. I'm very sad that the Chicago downtown location didn't work out but in the end we are all there for the coins so Rosemont, Schaumburg or downtown Chicago.....no matter, I'll be there. Since this show is still a year away I likely won't mention it for awhile but I wanted to at least update you all on the fact that while the

CCE will no longer be stand alone, it will be taking place.



Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/roman-empire/egypt-alexandria-antoninus-pius-138-161-ad>

EGYPT, Alexandria. Antoninus Pius. 138–161 AD. Dated RY 3 (AD 139/140).
Æ Drachm, 25.67g (34mm, 12h). AVT K • T AIA AΔP • ANTΩNINOC EVCEB •, bareheaded, draped, and cuirassed bust right / Draped bust right of Serapis, wearing an ornate kalathos; L Γ (date) across field.

Pedigree: Ex Triton XXI, 9 January 2018, lot 116 (reverse is also one of the cover coins). From the Giovanni Maria Staffieri Collection, purchased from Dr. Piero Beretta, Milan, November 1972. Ex Dr. Piero Beretta Collection (Milan); Giovanni Dattari Collection, no. 8668

Price: \$9,500

Rome and Egypt had a relationship since the 2nd century BC during the reign of Ptolemy VI when Rome came to Egypt's defense during an invasion by the encroaching Seleucid army. The Egyptians royalty at the time were Macedonians who essentially assimilated to their new home. Their founder and forefather Ptolemy I was an advisor of Alexander the Great. Once Alexander died his empire was divided up with Ptolemy overseeing Egypt. The Ptolemies weren't a traveling people and largely stayed within the confines of their domain with the exception of Cleopatra VII who traveled and became lovers with both Julius Caesar and Mark Antony, even bearing children by them.

It wasn't until 88 BC that another significant event occurred with Egypt and Rome. Ptolemy XI advanced to the throne when his father Ptolemy X was exiled. He ruled with his mother Berenice. During his reign he "gave" Egypt and Cyprus to Rome. He was despised by most Alexandrians however and in 58 BC he was also exiled out of Egypt. It was only due to his strong ties with Rome that he could return to Egypt to rule.

Again in 48 BC Egypt showed its allegiance to Rome by executing Pompey when he sought refuge while escaping from Julius Caesar. Shortly after this episode, Ptolemy and his sister Cleopatra were at odds and Caesar sided with Cleopatra and secured the throne for her. At this point Egypt became a Roman client state. After the death of Antony and Cleopatra the emperor Augustus continued the positive relationship with Rome.

Emperors like Hadrian had positive relations with Egypt and enjoyed their time in the cities. Antoninus Pius was no exception to this. There is a beautiful series of bronze coinage that was issued during the reigns of the good emperors such as Antoninus Pius. This particular coin features Antoninus Pius on the obverse with a remarkable rendition of Zeus Serapis on the reverse.

References: Köln –; Dattari (Savio) 8668 (this coin); K&G –; Emmett 1647.3 (R5); Staffieri, Alexandria In Nummis 114 (this coin)

Grade: Probably one of the finest examples known. Sharp strike, particularly on the reverse. Exceptional quality. Mint State for issue

re1059

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/roman-empire/egypt-alexandria-antoninus-pius-138-161-ad>

If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
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